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National Scrip Collectors Association

The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objectives and purposes of the organization are to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens.

In the late 1970's the scope of the **NCSA** was broadened to include tokens from other industries; including lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The first issue of ***Scrip Talk*** was published in 1965, and it continues today as the official newsletter for members of the **NSCA**. It exists not only as a source of information for its members, but as a forum where they can share items of interest. Please feel free to submit or suggest articles for future publication.

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Cranberry Fuels

Edkins # 2635, Pat. Pend.
Unlisted

The Cranberry Fuel Company operated mines in southern West Virginia in the late 1800's and early 1900's, until it was incorporated into the New River Coal Company around 1906. The mines were worked until 1958, when the coal began to play out.

Sometimes, though, the journey of a piece of scrip is as interesting as the history of the mine it's associated with.

The Cranberry Fuels penny in this picture came to West Virginia businessman Mel Hancock during his years at Mountain State University in Beckley, as the Vice-President of Development and Alumni Affairs in the 1990's.

Hancock often discussed his childhood in Cranberry with other MSU employees, telling of his mother worked at both the Cranberry and Skelton Company Stores, and those stories brought him this Cranberry penny.

When the college purchased the building that had housed Beckley High School from 1918 to 1928, and Beckley Junior High after that, the penny was found as the old school lockers were being removed. The worker who discovered it remembered Hancock's childhood stories and brought it to him.

"You can imagine some kid bringing it to school, only to have it fall through a crack in the locker and end up lodged in the wall all these years," said Hancock. "That was not a small loss in those days!"

The coin brings to light a variation unlisted in the latest Edkins Guide.

Beckley Junior High School, Circa 1958

Mayor Emmett Pugh

The City of Beckley Welcomes the NSCA 2005 Spring Meeting & Scrip Show

The club banquet kicks off the event at 6:00 pm, the 29th, with scripting to begin at 7:00. It will continue on Saturday, the 30th, until 2:00 pm. Great opportunities to buy, sell, & trade.

Feel free to call **Scrip Talk** at 304/253-7242 if we can answer any questions or help in any way. Hope to see you there!

CITY OF
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WELCOME TO THE CITY OF BECKLEY AND THE SPRING MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTOR'S ASSOCIATION!

The City of Beckley is pleased to have you with us. During your stay, we hope that you enjoy the attractions the City and Southern West Virginia have to offer.

Theatre West Virginia, our resident theatre group, resides during the summer months at the New River Gorge National River Park at Grandview. "Honey In The Rock" portrays the birth of the State of West Virginia while "Hatfields and McCoys" presents the blood feud between two famous mountain families.

Our City serves as the hub of Southern West Virginia and offers visitors a wide array of outstanding attractions for the entire family, excellent accommodations, and cuisine to please any palate. We are within minutes of white water rafting on the oldest river in North America, the New River, spanned by the famous New River Gorge Bridge which is the longest single-span bridge in the world.

Beckley's New River Park Recreation Complex consists of an olympic-size pool, water slide, tennis, and horseshoe pits, along with two covered shelters. It is located adjacent to the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine which consists of a guided tour along 1,500 feet of underground passages depicting the history of coal mining in our area. The Southern West Virginia Youth Museum, also owned by the City of Beckley, is a natural award-winning institution which is located next to the Exhibition Mine Complex.

Our motel facilities provide exceptional accommodations and virtually every culinary taste can be satisfied in our wide array of dining establishments.

Beckley and Southern West Virginia are pleased to welcome you and offer you our famous hospitality. We hope your stay is memorable, and we hope you'll come again soon and tell your friends about us.

Sincerely,

Emmett S. Pugh III

MAYOR
CITY OF BECKLEY

April 29 & 30, 2005 at Beckley Comfort Inn

1909 Harper Rd Beckley, WV 25801 RESERVATIONS: **888-259-8542**

DIRECTIONS

The Comfort Inn is 1/2 mile east of the West Virginia Turnpike, I-77 & I-64, at Exit 44.

Thank you for bidding. Hope you find something here that you need.

JACK CHAPMAN'S THIRTY-DAY SCRIP AUCTION

Starting Date 3/5/05 **Ending Date** 4/5/05

Lot #	Scrip #	Company and Town	R rating	Condition	Min. bid
1	KY1331A10	Morning Glow Coal Co.,Hima, KY	R-8	very fine	$15.00
2	KY1331A25	Morning Glow Coal Co.,Hima, KY	R-7	very fine	$10.00
3	KY965B1	Wells Elkhorn Coal Co., Estill, KY	R-8	very good	$15.00
4	KY tokens	T. A. Gray & Co., Garfield, KY($1.00,.50,25,10,.05)	set	fine	$50.00
5	IN2949A	Cabell & Kaufmann's, Washington, IN (.05-$2.00)	set	very fine	$50.00
6	KY787	Fourseam Coal Co., Diablock, KY (05, 10,25, 50)	set	very fine	$25.00
7	OH3079A	Andy Bobby, Wolf Run, OH (.01 - $1.00)	set	very fine	$30.00
8	MD2669A25	Aberdeen Supply Co., Styer, MD	R-10	very fine	$30.00
9	LA token	H. J. Sills, Rayne, LA .50		fine	$25.00
10	WV2997500	Western Supply Co., Wheeling, WV(chocolate brown)	UNL	very fine	$100.00
11	WVexploderP5B	Page Coal & Coke., Pageton, WV	B	very fine	$15.00
12	AL token	Martin O'Rear, Jasper, AL ($1.00)		very fine	$25.00
13	WV/KYI20A	Island Creek Coal Co. explosive token	C	very fine	$10.00
14	KY571A25	Clemons Coal Co., Clemon, KY	R-8	very fine	$20.00
15	Maverick 581	Union Sol Co.(1 load of cinders)	R-9	very fine	$25.00
16	TN557E500	Virginia Jellico Coal Co., Clairfield, TN	R-7	very fine	$15.00
17	KY837B5	Drakesboro Coal Coke & Mining Co., Drakesboro, KY	R-7	very fine	$15.00
18	KY61B5A	Carrs Fork Coal Co., Allock, KY	R-10	very fine	$40.00
19	VA2255I10	Pocahontas Fuel Co., Pocahontas, VA	R-7	very fine	$10.00
20	KY841I5	Ernest Turner, Drift, KY	R-7	very fine	$10.00
21	KY1847A50	Parsons Elkhorn Coal Co., McDowell, KY	R-6	very fine	$10.00
22	KY541A100	Crown Coal Co., Chevrolet, KY	R-7	very fine	$15.00
23	KY975G25	Sugar Camp Mining Co., Evarts, KY	R-8	very fine	$20.00
24	KY975G50	Sugar Camp Mining Co., Evarts, KY	R-9	very fine	$30.00
25	VA2741C50	Whited Coal Co., Swords Creek, VA	R-6	very fine	$15.00
26	WV7C10	Buffalo Creek Coal Co., Accoville, WV	R-9	very fine	$25.00
27	KY2785A100	Willie Lucas, Thornton,KY	R-7	very fine	$15.00
28	OH tokens	American Rolling Mill Co., Zanesville, OH (.01-$1.00)		very fine	$75.00
29	KY2541B5	Marlowe Coal Co., Scuddy, KY	R-8	fine	$20.00
30	KY1503D25	Pioneer Coal Co., Kettle Island, KY	R-8	very fine	$20.00
31	KY1503D10	Pioneer Coal Co., Kettle Island, KY	R-7	very fine	$15.00
32	KY1503D5	Pioneer Coal Co., Kettle Island, KY	R-6	very fine	$10.00
33	KY2281B100	Premium Coals, Premium, KY	R-6	fine	$10.00
34	KY2281B50	Premium Coals, Premium, KY	R-7	fine	$15.00
35	KY645A100A	Sunfire Coal Co., Combs, KY	R-6	very fine	$10.00
36	TN2263A10	Sterling Coal & Coke, Sterling, TN	R-8	very fine	$20.00
37	KY851A1	Consolidation Coal Co., Dunham, KY	R-6	very good	$10.00
38	KY3109A100A	Harlan Fuel Co., Yancy, KY	R-8	fine	$25.00
39	KY2567A25	Hawley Coal Co., Shamrock, KY	R-6	fine	$10.00
40	VA2183A25	Pulaski Anthracite Coal, Parrott, VA	R-8	fine	$20.00
41	TN2825A100	Tennessee Consol Coal., Tracy City, TN	R-7	very fine	$15.00
42	AL205D10	Bessemer Coal, Belle Ellen, AL	R-9	very fine	$25.00
43	KY1857A1	Fordson Coal Co., McVeigh, KY	R-8	very fine	$25.00
44	KY2999F25	Inland Steel Co., Wheelwright, KY	UNL	fine	$50.00
45	TN lumber 916A100	Emory River Lumber Co., Lansing, TN	R-9	very fine	$50.00

Send bids to: Jack Chapman, 166 Chapman Rd., Shady Springs, WV 25918 (304) 763-5048

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MEET ... Collector **John Jewell**

Scrip collecting can be just what the doctor ordered—literally!

John Jewell, NSCA member in Guilderland, New York, was diagnosed as a diabetic three years ago and decided he needed a hobby to keep himself occupied. He collected dimes and pennies as a child and one day discovered scrip. Now his scrip collection numbers 1500 pieces!

Part of scrip's fascination for John is its rarity in his area—New York has not been known for mining or timber, so the sorts of companies that issued scrip were never found in the state. Even today, when John goes to coin shows, it's rare for him to find anyone who knows what scrip is, much less has any to sell. Consequently, most of the purchases for his collection have come over the internet.

John worked for 32 years in the printing industry, which has given him a point of reference with those miners who were once paid in scrip. For many years the caustic chemicals used in the printing industry caused it to be second only to mining in work-related health issues. Printers even developed a form of black lung disease.

As you might guess, the Jewell Ridge Coal Corporation of Virginia has an appeal to collector John Jewell. He's working on a complete set of that company, and would invite you to contact him if you have any. You can reach him at: scripkeyper@yahoo.com.

MEET ...Members of the NSCA

Feel free to contact these members directly if you have similar interests, or have the scrip they're looking for. You may send your own information to ***Scrip Talk*** *if you'd like to be listed in a future issue. Also, don't forget the free ads in every issue!*

Charles Perry ~ 5371 E Allison Rd, Camby, IN 46113-8415
Interested in scrip from Virginia.

Thomas Yocum ~ Thomas_C_Yokum@dom.com
Interested in scrip and tokens from Marion County, WV.

Rees Kinney ~ reeskinney@cs.com or 270-338-2291
Interested in any coal scrip from Muhlenberg County, KY.

Richard Bottles ~ richardbottlesjr@peoplepc.com or Box 8029, Fairmont, WV 26554. Interested in buying scrip from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, including the towns of Bruceton, Castle Shannon, Coverdale, Curtisville, Horning, Indianola, Mollenaur, Russellton and Wilson Creek.

Bill Gaylor ~ Dolphing@comcast.net or 941-485-0114
Will purchase scrip from Kenvir or Totz, Harlan Co., KY.

The Story of STERNS

By Bill Fugera

In 1902, Justus Stearns of Michigan bought 30,000 acres of virgin timberland in southern Kentucky's McCreary County. Shortly later coal was discovered and this was the beginning of the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company. The company built the town of Stearns to serve as the hub of a mining and logging empire. The company controlled over 200 square miles of land. Stearns also built the Kentucky and Tennessee Railway. Stearns had the first all electric sawmill in the world. The company employed over 2,200 people living and working in 18 coal camps. Most of the buildings were painted the company's colors of white with green trim and included residences, a freight depot, office building, pool hall, theater, hotel, and company store. Here the residents could purchase nearly everything they needed with company issued scrip. The company also provided water, electricity, steam heat, tennis courts, a golf course, and baseball field.

The Kentucky and Tennessee Railway at one time stretched for over 20 miles into the Big Sandy River valley and operated 12 steam locomotives. It served as the primary passage not only for Stearns timber and coal coming out of the valley, but also for the workers and supplies going into the coal and lumber camps with names like Barthell, Comargo, Blue Heron, Worley, Yamacraw, Oz and others.

Beginning in the 1950,s the coal mines one by one played out and closed and the coal camps were abandoned. By 1976, the Stearns Coal and Lumber had sold most of its holdings to the Blue Diamond Coal Company. In 1987 the last railcar of coal left the Blue Diamond mines.

Sterns Coal & Lumber
Edkins # 2655-E

Special thanks to Jack Chapman for photo assistance.

Dooby-Dooby-Dues!

Are your dues paid up? All memberships following the calendar year should be renewed.

Also, please remember to promote the club to other potential members—the larger the organization, the more resources we will have to enjoy. New members also bring new energy and enthusiasm.

Remember, the club's Spring Show will be in April—bring a friend!

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One Year ~ $15
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NEW FINDS

If you find scrip that's not listed in either volume of the **Edkins Catalogues**, please let us know so that we can update the books and alert other collectors. All new finds [and corrections for the **Edkins** guides] should go to: Bill Fugera, 28732 Charreadas St, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 fugewilj@cox.net.

If you have access to a digital camera & the internet, please send clear pictures of both sides of the token to Bill, as well as any other pertinent information you might have about the piece. You may also make a foil impression of the coin and send that to Bill.

Recent New Finds Activity

W. Va. Pocahontas Collieries Co.
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WANTED: A PIECE OF SCRIP FROM THE FOLLOWING Companies, any denomination. Caudil Coal, Whitesburg, Letcher Co, KY; Gorman Coal Sales Co., Hot Spot, Letcher Co, KY and Edgewater Coal Co., Henry Clay, Pike Co, KY. Send price and describe condition of scrip to: mdfoley@duo-county.com **Mary Donna Foley, 460 Weston Road, Russell Springs, KY 42642 +**

WANTED: KY 3115 YERKES, Bi-Metal, The Solar Coal Company. Send price and describe condition of scrip to: **Charles Miller, 200W - 900N, Wawaka, IN 46794 +**

WANTED: A PIECE OF SCRIP FROM VANETTA, WV - Fayette County (2879) any denomination. **Walter Ayers, 428 Earl Dr NW, Warren, OH 44483-1116 phone 330-847-8052 +**

WANTED: WEST VIRGINIA SCRIP, especially Logan & Boone County. I will buy 1 piece, a set or a collection. Will trade if I have anything you need. Email at avmac@citynet.net mail **Averill Perdue, 1621 Loop Road, Charleston, WV 25303 +**

FLORIDA TOKENS WANTED - Florida tokens of all types wanted. Send 60¢ stamp for free sample of Florida Token Society's newsletter, TOKENEWS and request free Florida token. Check the Florida Token Society web site: http://www.steve.ratliff.com/fts/- you can join and pay dues online! **Steve Ratliff, 1717 Saint Marys Bay Drive, Milton, FL 32583-7343 Steve@Ratliff.com**

WANTED: ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA COAL SCRIP from Bruceton (309), Castle Shannon (509), Coverdale (679), Curtisville (722), Horning (1347), Indianola (1397), Mollenaur (1937), Russelton (2485) and Wilson Creek (3057). Contact me at: richardbottlesjr@peoplepc.com or **Richard Bottles, Jr., P.O. Box 8029, Fairmont, WV 26554**

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